

Jurisdiction and duties.	missioners, and when so elected and qualified, shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all the grounds and shell fisheries in the county relating to the oyster culture, they shall have surveyed and set aside such natural beds and grounds for the benefit of the public as they may deem proper, and shall stake out and define the same, they may draw in such lines from time to time as they think best to the interest of the public. The said board of justices of the peace shall also at their meeting fix and determine the <i>per diem</i> of the said shell fish commissioners, and they shall hold their office for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified as this act prescribes.
Compensation.	
Term of office.	
Majority of justices deemed the board of justices, &c.	SEC. 2. A majority of the justices of the county shall be deemed the board of the justices of the peace for the election and for fixing or determining the <i>per diem</i> of the said shell fish commissioners, and a majority of the said shell fish commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
Survey to be made for any citizen, not exceeding fifteen acres, &c.	SEC. 3. The said board of shell fish commissioners shall cause to be surveyed for any citizen of the state who shall make a <i>bona fide</i> application for any ground not included in the public plots not exceeding fifteen acres, and to any person who now owns ten acres five acres more, and no one person shall be allowed to own or hold at any one time more than fifteen acres, except by devise or inheritance, or having owned the same for five years: <i>Provided</i> , that nothing contained in this section shall be so construed as to prevent any person who now owns less than ten acres from entering a sufficient quantity of ground to make fifteen acres in all.
Proviso.	SEC. 4. That all persons now owning grants under former entries or license who have improved the same not exceeding ten acres are hereby confirmed and made good and vested in themselves, their heirs or assigns, and shall be assessed and taxed separate from their other effects: <i>Provided</i> , that grounds entered as this act pre-
Persons owning grants under former entries, confirmed as to ten acres, &c.	
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